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### AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA— Commercial red meat production** during August 2004 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 86 percent from July 2004, but unchanged from August 2003 production. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 522,000 pounds live weight, down 15 percent from August 2003. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 992 pounds, was down 61 pounds from a year ago.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 277,000 pounds live weight, up 28 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1100 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 257 pounds, was up 23 pounds from the previous year.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 8,000 pounds live weight, down 38 percent from last year. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 100 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight at 116 pounds, was down 4 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES—Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,800 head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

**January to August 2004 commercial red meat production** was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

**August 2003** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**August 2004** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays..